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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, January 31, 2017
9:30AM
Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
HD 534
RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Brower and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill 534, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports HB 534, which appropriates \$94,600 in general funds to hire an additional security guard at Kalihi Valley Homes.

One of the HPHA's greatest concerns and priorities is the safety and well-being of its tenants and staff while continuing to be good neighbors to the surrounding community. This appropriation would allow the HPHA to add much needed security necessary at the Alu Street gate of Kalihi Valley Homes, which has been lacking despite the best efforts of the Authority to provide a safe and secure living environment.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the HPHA's comments regarding HB 534. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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| Kanani Souza | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I support HB534, to have security at the backend of Kalihi Valley Public Housing Units, because crime is on the rise especially in this area and we have had so many crime, illegal drug use, underage drinking of alcohol, theft, and criminal property damage in the area. This would certainly reduce crime and make the area safer. In the long run, bench marks will be made by the additional security.

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| Lynn McDonald | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Michael McDonald | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I am in support of HB 534. Security guard services need to be restored for the safety of the Wilson Tract and Kula Kolea residents, and for the safety of KVH (Kalihi Valley Homes) residents. Without a security guard, the unwatched gate will continue to be an easy entry point, allowing unauthorized visitors and non-residents to slip under the radar; bringing tobacco and alcohol on the KVH property, burdening State resources by having outsiders stay for extended periods without having to get a visitor pass, and taking the on-street parking in the surrounding Wilson Tract/Kula Kolea areas. A guard would also provide the much needed human presence to discourage illicit activities that happen near the mauka gates.

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Aloha,

My name is Darlene Palma and I am a resident on Ahonui Street. I support HB534 in order to have security at the backend of Kalihi Valley Public Housing Units because crime is on the rise especially in this area with illegal drug use, underage drinking of alcohol, theft, and criminal property damage. This would help reduce crime and make the area safer. In the long run, positive progress will be made by ensuring adequate security. Thank you for kind consideration in supporting HB534.

Mahalo,
Darlene Palma

Sent from my iPad

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| Lorie Pias | Individual | Support | No |

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| Estrella M. Vea | Individual | Comments Only | No |

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